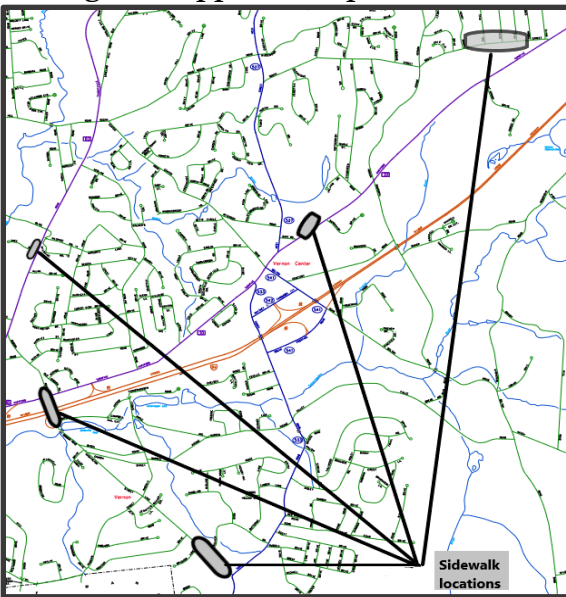


**To:** Transportation Committee  
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**CC:** Rob Aloise, Director of Transportation Planning  
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**Date:** April 17, 2024  
**Subject:** LOTCIP Funding Increase Vernon Various Sidewalks L146-0001

A Transportation Committee meeting will be held on April 22 at 12 noon. At the meeting, we will be discussing and acting on the following:

**Vernon Various Stand-Alone Sidewalk Project (L146-0001)**

This project was originally awarded through the 2013 LOTCIP Solicitation and has progressed through the application phase.



The Town of Vernon is requesting a LOTCIP funding increase of \$626,936 from \$1,520,680 to \$2,147,616 (41.2%). This increase in cost is mainly due to substantial increases in unit prices since the earlier cost estimate reflecting 2021 unit prices and addressing CTDOT feedback especially along State Routes.

The project proposed currently includes 7,200 linear ft in five (5) new concrete sidewalk sections that include two sections on Dobson Road (west and southerly sides), one section of Hartford Turnpike (Route 30) (northerly side), South Street, Talcottville Road (Route 83) and Lake Street. The sidewalk areas proposed would complete pertinent sidewalk gaps in the Town of Vernon.

CTDOT has conducted several substantial reviews on the projects due to the project being located on several State Routes, the most current one in July 2023. The Town has responded to CTDOT concerns and has utilized a consultant to draft a revised cost estimate. As a result, the concrete sidewalk, driveway aprons, ramps and site work unit prices have substantially increased since 2021. The costs combined with increases to percentage based estimating items resulted in the increase of \$626,936.

The Town would prefer not to reduce scope but has offered a concession by reducing the work areas to four, if necessary, and to submit another application for the next available solicitation or another funding source. This would reduce the cost estimate to \$2,003,764, eliminating the Dobson Road section and reducing the increase to \$483,084 (31.7%).

*Staff recommends approval of an additional \$626,936 of LOTCIP funding due to increases in unit prices and subsequent CTDOT review of State roadways increasing the approval funding request from \$1,520,680 to \$2,147,616 for the Vernon Various Stand-Alone Sidewalk Project (L146-0001) or approval with the Town concession reducing the project scope by removing one section of sidewalk and decreasing the additional funding increase request to \$483,084.*